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SUBJECT: GOG ADDRESSES STATUS OF PAPADOPOULOS

1. AMIDST PRESS SPECULATION THAT PAPADOPOULOS AND ADHERENTS INTEND TO FORM NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND PARTICIPATE UPCOMING ELECTIONS RUMOR WHICH GOG SPOKESMAN LAMBRIAS SCOTCHED SEPTEMBER 25 (ATHENS 7026), PRESS SEPTEMBER 26 REPORTED ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION FROM LAMBRIAS THAT PAPADOPOULOS IS IN EFFECT ISOLATED FROM OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND RESTRICTED TO SEASIDE VILLA GUARDED BY FIFTEEN SECURITY POLICE. LAMBRIAS IS REPORTED AS SAYING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS ON GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS INTENTIONS CONSTITUTE NONEXISTENT QUESTION SINCE PAPADOPOULOS IS NOT A POLITICAL ELEMENT AND CANNOT MAKE STATEMENTS.

2. PRESS SEPTEMBER 27 ALSO REPORTED THAT PAPADOPOULOS' WIFE DESPINA UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING KYP SALARY WITHOUT ACTUALLY WORKING DEPOSITED \$25,665 WITH STATE AGENCY. THIS SUM REPORTEDLY REPRESENTED KYP SALARY ACCUMULATED FROM APRIL 1967 TO NOVEMBER 1973 WHEN SHE WENT OFF PAYROLL.

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3. LAMBRIAS' REMARK THAT PAPADOPOULOS IS NOT

PERMITTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE AND THAT HE
WOULD BE STOPPED SHOULD HE TRY IS MISLEADING. EMBASSY
KNOWS PAPADOPOULOS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FRIENDS
AND FORMER COLLEAGUES AND HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT
HE HAS OCCASIONALLY LEFT HIS VILLA, AT LEAST BEFORE
JULY 23, FOR FISHING/HUNTING TRIPS. WHILE
PAPADOPOULOS IS CONSIDERED POLITICAL HAS-BEEN BY
VAST MAJORITY OF GREEK PUBLIC, HIS EXTENDED TENURE
AS PM INCLUDED SOME POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH
PRECLUDE HIS BEING FORGOTTEN ALTOGETHER. IT SEEMS LIKELY
THAT HIS PRESENT ISOLATION IS AS MUCH SELF-IMPOSED AS
IMPOSED BY GOG, AND THAT LAMBRIAS' STATEMENTS DO NOT
RPT NOT REPRESENT TIGHTENING OF SCREWS BY GOG.
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